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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to the Microsoft antitrust dispute. I support Microsoft in this dispute and would like to see this three-year litigation battle come to an end. I support the settlement that was reached in November as a means to end this dispute.

Microsoft has agreed to all terms of this settlement. Under this agreement, Microsoft must grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non- Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows. Computer makers will now be free to remove the means by which consumers access various features of Windows, such as Microsoft's Internet Explorer web browser, Windows Media Player and Windows Messenger. Microsoft has also agreed to disclose information about certain internal interfaces in Windows. A technical oversight committee has been created to monitor Microsoft compliance.

This settlement will serve in the best public interest. I am a believer of free enterprise and do not want to see this company punished for being successful. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Phillip Bashor

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